(c) The Mid-Term Appraisal to the Tenth Five year Plan, as agreed to by the National Development Council in its meeting held on 27th -28th June 2005, suggested that it would not be possible to achieve the planned rate of growth of 8.1 per cent. The Mid Term Appraisal has suggested measures to raise the growth rate in the remaining period of the Tenth Plan so as to achieve an overall target of 7 per cent during the plan. The Mid Term Appraisal has identified 59 priority areas of action in agriculture, irrigation, rural development, watershed development horticulture, fertilizer pricing, food processing, energy, social sector/power, rural energy, coal, petroleum, transport, infrastructure, labour and employment, industry, governance, etc. The details are available in the Mid-Term Appraisal of Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-2007), which is available in the Parliamentary library.

Funds for education to Orissa

2615. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Orissa Government has asked for higher plan outlay for education;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal made by the State Government of Orissa; and

(c) the status of the case and the time-frame within which the State would be allocated additional funds for higher education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) The Government of Orissa had proposed an outlay of Rs. 20642.46 lakh for Annual Plan 2005-06 for the Education Sector as against the approved outlay of Rs. 16137.46 lakh for Annual Plan 2004-05. For Higher Education the State Government had proposed an outlay of Rs. 7310 lakh against the approved outlay of Rs. 4560 lakh for 2004-05. The outlays proposed by the State Government for the Education Sector as a whole as well as for higher education have been approved.

(c) Does not arise.